

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Prior to the present communication, claims 1-26 were pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-7 and 17-26 are withdrawn and claim 8 and 16 are amended herein. All claims currently pending and under consideration in the above-identified application are shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-7 (Withdrawn).

8. (Currently Amended) A machine-implemented method for facilitating telecommunications network configuration-transaction processing, the method comprising:

receiving a network configuration transaction;

maintaining a first table that stores transaction-independent data;

maintaining a second table that stores transaction-dependent data

representing transaction statuses corresponding to the network configuration transaction;

linking the first table to the second table by a transaction identifier; and

without user intervention, iteratively updating the second table but not the first table incident to one or more predetermined substeps of the configuration transaction.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein transaction-independent data includes business data and transaction-dependent data includes transaction data.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said transaction data includes one or more selections from the following:

a transaction status;  
  
a status date;  
  
a transaction date; and  
  
a requestor name.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said business data includes one or more selections from the following:

an NPA code;  
  
an NPA-NXX code;  
  
a network element identifier, including an internal identifier and a CLLI;  
  
a Station Range;  
  
a trunk; and/or a  
  
trunk group.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the business data is data that persists unchanged throughout the duration of processing the configuration transaction.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the transaction data is data that is limited to a lifespan of a transaction.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein data that is limited to a lifespan of a transaction includes one or more selections from the following:

a status; and/or  
  
a time stamp.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein iteratively updating the second table includes writing successive rows, each associated with a status of the one or more predetermined substeps.

16. (Currently Amended) One or more ~~computer-readable~~ computer-storage media having computer-useable instructions that, when executed by a machine, perform the method of claim 8.

Claims 17-26 (Withdrawn).